

## **PLACEMENT OF AGPT REGISTRARS WITH THE RFDS**

### **RFDS Bases**

Broken Hill (South Eastern Section)  
Dubbo (South Eastern Section) - possible in the future  
Port Augusta (Central Operations)  
Tennant Creek (Central Operations)  
Mt Isa (Queensland Section)  
Cairns (Queensland Section)  
Meekatharra (Western Operations)  
Kalgoorlie (Western Operations)

### **Base Criteria and Experience Offered**

The majority of RFDS bases in which a registrar can take up a training post requires that:

- The registrar be in semester 3 or 4 of the core training time; and
- The registrar has undertaken and passed the EMST and APLS courses.

Some bases do not have a prerequisite for the completion of the above mentioned rural skills courses and require only the completion of the APLS course. However, for a registrar to gain a complete experience and be fully prepared then it is recommended the courses are undertaken prior to commencing a RFDS training post.

Registrars who enter the AGPT program as a PGY 5 + will be considered for a RFDS training post in semester one or two on a case by case basis by the relevant RFDS base.

## **RFDS WESTERN OPERATIONS**

### **Meekatharra**

Meekatharra base provides a 7-day a week GP service to the town based out of the consulting rooms at the local hospital. The base can offer the registrar experience in the following areas:

- Manage patients in the towns General Practice (located at hospital)
- Manage hospital inpatients
- Aged care facility visits
- Emergency department attendance
- Telehealth services
- Flying clinic visits
- Retrievals if the registrar has 3-6 months anaesthetics, plus paediatric, obstetric and emergency or critical care skills.

The registrar would have to be in semester three or four of the core training time and have as a minimum undertaken EMST and APLS courses. This is due to the need to deal with emergency presentations to the hospital when the trainee is on duty.

## **Kalgoorlie**

The Kalgoorlie base provides clinic services across the Nullarbor and into the Central Lands area. The base can offer the registrar experience in the following areas:

- Manage hospital inpatients
- Aged care facility visits
- Emergency department attendance
- Telehealth services
- Flying clinic visits
- Retrievals if the registrar has 3-6 months anaesthetics, plus paediatric, obstetric and emergency or critical care skills.

The registrar would have to be in semester three or four of the core training time and have as a minimum undertaken EMST and APLS courses.

## **RFDS CENTRAL OPERATIONS**

### **Port Augusta**

The Port Augusta base provides the registrar with the opportunity to work within a private general practice and the RFDS base. The base can offer the registrar experience in:

- Outreach GP services. This varies between clinic locations and days where they fly to several stations.
- Provide remote consultations and advice via telephone.
- Take calls from clinic and individuals and diagnose, treat and triage flights over the phone.
- Accompany the flight nurse on evacuation flights where required.

The registrar would have to be in semester three or four of the core training time and have as a minimum undertaken EMST and APLS courses.

### **Tennant Creek**

The RFDS Tennant Creek General Practice is the sole private general practice (AGPAL accredited) service in Tennant Creek. The practice can offer the registrar experience in:

- Primary Care consultation service with support from a Practice Nurse.
- Chronic disease management.
- Involvement in medical student and peer clinical support systems.

The registrar would have to be in semester three or four of the core training time and have as a minimum undertaken EMST and APLS courses.

## **RFDS SOUTH EASTERN SECTION**

### **Broken Hill**

The RFDS base in Broken Hill offers the opportunity for registrars to work within a multidisciplinary team with strong ties to the UDRH. There may also be opportunities for registrars to work part-time with the RFDS base and part-time in an Aboriginal Medical Service. Within the operations of the base the registrar can gain experience in:

- The provision of primary health care through outreach clinics;
- Aboriginal health training;
- Outreach GP services. This varies between clinic locations and days where they fly to several stations.

The registrar would have to be in semester three or four of the core training time and have as a minimum undertaken EMST and APLS courses.

### **Dubbo**

Dubbo is not suitable for a placement at this time but may be in the future

## **RFDS QUEENSLAND SECTION**

### **Mt Isa**

Experience offered:

- Primary health care through outreach clinics
- Aboriginal health training
- for suitable candidates (competent advanced airway skills) aero-medical retrieval work and telehealth consultations would also be available

The registrar would have to be in semester three or four of the core training time and have as a minimum undertaken EMST and APLS courses.

### **Cairns**

Experience offered:

- Primary health care through outreach clinics
- Aboriginal health training
- for suitable candidates (competent advanced airway skills) aero-medical retrieval work and telehealth consultations would also be available

The registrar would have to be in semester three or four of the core training time and have as a minimum undertaken EMST and APLS courses.

### **Process to apply for a RFDS training post**

If a registrar is interested in undertaking a training post at a RFDS base they must, in the first instance, talk to their training provider. The RFDS base must then be contacted with the registrar being interviewed by the appropriate base and medical staff.

In some instances the undertaking of a RFDS training post will require the registrar to transfer to another training provider. The normal GPET transfer processes are to be followed in these cases.